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1. IN FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VALALAS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, PAKIS UNDERSTOOD VALALAS WOULD FORMALLY REQUEST IN WRITING THAT PAKIS PREPARE RFP FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY DESCRIBED REF A. REQUEST COULD BE MADE BY LETTER TO CONGEN AND TRANSMITTED WASHINGTON BY CAOLE AS IN REF D. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN POUCHING COPY OF LETTER AS WELL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. IN PAKIS DEBRIEFING FOR AID AND COMMERCE, AGREED WOULD BE ADVISAOLE KNOW REACTION OF APPROPRIATE GOG MINISTRIES TO PROPOSED STUDY. PAKIS VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE COST OF STUDY ENCOMPASSING FEASIBILITY OPENING AXIOS RIVER TO BARGE T,AFFIC WITH RESULTANT HYDROLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS ON TYPE AND SIZE OF INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE AND REQUIRED NEW

PORT FACILITIES TO SUPPORT ABOUT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE WHETHER GOG LIKELY APPROVE STUDY THIS COST AND MAGNITUDE.

3. BEGIN FYI. VALALAS TOLD PAKIS THAT WHEN RFP COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY THESSALONIKI PORT AUT; ORITY (I.E. VALALAS), VALALAS WOULD SEND RFP TO FOREIGN AS WELL AS U.S. EMGINEERING FIRMS. WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE

SHOULD STUDY GO TO FOREIGN FIRM AFTER EXPENDITURES FOR VALALAS LEADER GRANT AND PAKIS CONSULTATION. END FYI.

- 4. EMBASSY AND CONGEN MAY THEREFORE INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THAT EXIMBANK WOULD CONSIDER GOG APPLICATION FINANCE STUDY.
- 5. AID ENGINEER CLARENCE GRUCEMAN CAN VISIT ATHENS AND, IF ADVISABLE, THESSALONIKI ON RETURN FROM AMMAN EARLY FEBRUARY. GRUCEMAN PRESENT AT PAKIS PRESENTATION ON PROJECT AND HAS READ PAKIS' REPORT, COPIES OF WHICH BEING TRANSMITTED ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI VIA AIRGRAM.
- 6. REQUEST REPLIES ASAP ATTENTION AID/SER/CFS M. DILEGGE AND COM/OED/MEPD. SISCO

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